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From: Director, FBI

FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
SPECIAL INQUIRY  
BUDED: 7/26/65

White House has requested rush investigation of Gibney, who is being considered for White House staff position. Born 9/21/24, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and resides 430 East 84th Street, New York City. According to background information he is Associate Editor (New York representative) of "Chicago Daily News." Additional background data attached.

See urfiles which indicate AEA-A investigation conducted regarding Gibney in 1958. Bring up to date in accordance with current SPI standards, accounting for Gibney's entire adult life. Residences of all close relatives must be verified by active investigation and appropriate checks made concerning each.

New York note Gibney's former wife, [redacted] when interviewed in Boston during the 1958 investigation said that Gibney had been discharged from "Newsweek" magazine because of personality clash with his supervisor.

Boston note Gibney's former wife [redacted] stated she and her husband were divorced in Juarez, Mexico in December, 1957. No record of that divorce could be located during the 1958 investigation. Obtain additional details concerning the divorce including custody of the children.

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NOTE: Request received today by letter dated 7/19/65. Separate memo sent through re request.

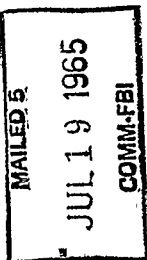
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*Mr. DeLoach - we need a rush on this one if at all possible.*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: July 19, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT: FBI Investigation

Subject's Name FRANK B. GIBNEY

Date of Birth Sept. 21, 1924 Place of birth Scranton, Pennsylvania

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

BILL MOYERS has requested:

- ☐ Copy of Previous Report
- ☐ Name Check
- ☒ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- ☒ White House staff position
- ☐ Presidential Appointment
- ☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)
- ☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
- ☒ Biography

REMARKS:

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ENCLOSURE

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

✓  
*Frank B. Gibney*

FRANK B. GIBNEY

Born: September 21, 1924 - Scranton, Pa.  
Education: 1937-1941 Fordham Preparatory School  
1941-1942 Yale College A.B. (Class of 1945--degree received in Greek, 1944 in absentia)  
1946 Columbia University Graduate School (courses toward M.A. degree at Russian Institute)

Military Service: 1942-6 - U.S. Navy--Combat Intelligence and POW Interrogation; Japanese Language School; Flag Lt. COMNAVJAP; Lieut. USNR.

**Business Experience:**

1946 Newsman, United Press.  
1947-50 Foreign Correspondent, Time-Life Paris, London & Berlin bureaus; Bureau Chief, Tokyo.  
1951-54 Assoc. Editor, Time (writer Foreign News, National Affairs, Religion, Science, Books).  
1954-57 Senior Editor, Features, Newsweek: editorial direction, planning, make-up, staff, budgeting for Back-of-Book departments.  
1957-61 Staff writer, Life--editorial writer, copy editor, book and series writing assignments.  
1961 Editorial Director & Assistant Publisher, Show Business Illustrated.  
1961-64 Publisher, SHOW magazine & President, Hartford Publications, Inc. (Edited and published national arts magazine (250,000 circ.)  
1964 Associate Editor, Chicago Daily News--New York representative of Chicago Daily News, Publishers' Syndicate and other Field Enterprises. Columnist

**Books:**

Five Gentlemen of Japan; Farrar, Straus (1953): an analysis of Japan's history and character.

The Frozen Revolution; Farrar, Straus (1959): contemporary Poland.

The Secret World (with Peter Deriabin); Doubleday (1960): the Soviet intelligence and security systems.

The Khrushchev Pattern; Duell, Sloan & Pearce (1961): the present posture of the world's Communist movements.

The Operators; Harper Bros. (1960): The climate of fraud in American business society.

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To be published - 1965:

The Reluctant Spacefarers; New American Library (March 1965): An essay on the uses and politics of the national space program, and the space substitute for war.

The Responsibles; Harper & Row (1965), Sequel to The Operators--The problems of responsible citizenship in U.S. society.

Numerous magazine articles.

Political:

- 1958-9 Chief Consultant, House of Representatives Committee on Space & Astronautics.
- 1964 Consultant, House of Representatives Committee on Science & Astronautics.
- 1952 Co-chairman, switch-to-Stevenson Committee - Volunteers for Stevenson.
- 1960 Executive Committee, New York Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson.
- 1964 Chairman, New York County Democratic campaign (resigned to go to Washington in September). Democratic National Committee.

Organizations:

Council on Foreign Relations, New York City (member study groups on Japan and East Europe.)  
Japan Society of New York.  
Century Association.  
Yale Club of New York.  
Overseas Press Club (Vice-President).

Travel:

Residence in Japan - 2 years  
Residence in U.K. & France - 1 year  
Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaya, U.K., France, Germany, Poland, Italy, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Benelux, Turkey, Egypt, Lebanon, Iraq.

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Languages:

Japanese	-	fluent speaking, fair-good reading-writing
German	-	good speaking, good reading
French	-	fair speaking, good reading
Russian	-	academic knowledge only (2 yrs. study)
Latin		
Greek		

Married; five children. Religion-Roman Catholic

Address: 430 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 28

Gibney

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

7-19-1965

☐ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527☐ Service Unit - Room 6524☐ Forward to File Review☐ Attention \_\_\_\_\_☒ Return to B. Burke 1254  
Supervisor Room Ext.

## Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)☐ Subversive References Only☐ Nonsubversive References Only☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

## Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☒ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject

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Frank Bray

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<u>Mr. Schaefer</u>	<u>6207 IB</u>
<u>Mr. Schlaerman</u>	<u>Routing Unit,</u>
<u>Mr. Shackelford</u>	<u>7714</u>
<u>Mr. Sheets</u>	<u>Place on Record</u>
<u>Mr. Solomon</u>	<u>and Return</u>
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Please review  
files for Mr. Moore

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 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

July 19, 1965

~~MR. DELOACH~~

FRANK B. GIBNEY  
 WHITE HOUSE INQUIRY  
 FULL FIELD INVESTIGATION

Mildred Stegall at the White House called at 9:40 a. m.  
 today requesting a full field investigation on Frank B. Gibney, born  
 September 21, 1924, in Scranton, Pennsylvania. She said they needed  
 this in a rush.



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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-1995)(P)  
RE: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
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Buded: 7/25/65

Re Bureau airtel to Washington Field, 7/19/65, and  
report of SE [REDACTED] 5/5/58, at St. Louis.

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Personnel of the Military Personnel Records Center,  
St. Louis, Mo., advised IC [REDACTED] on 7/21/65, that  
they were unable to locate the U. S. Naval officer service  
record for FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, SN 292 625, and further advised  
that these records should be on file at the Chief of Naval  
Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

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Washington Field handle.

Report follows re character and efficiency reports.

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TO DIRECTOR AND PHOENIX  
FROM NEW HAVEN 221740

*Mr. GIBNEY*  
*7/26/65*

FRANK BRAY <sup>0</sup>GIBNEY. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED JULY 26 NEXT.

REBUAIRTEL JULY 19 LAST.

GIBNEY IN 1958 LISTED AS REFERENCE ONE RICHARD E.  
CONLEY, RIDGEFIELD, CONN., KNOWS 20 YEARS. CONLEY NOW  
LIVING ROCKING CHAIR RANCH, P.O. BOX 13, PATAGONIA,  
ARIZONA.

LOCATE AND INTERVIEW CONLEY RE APPOINTEE.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK \161-1849\

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FROM CHICAGO \161-1199\

MR. CLEVELAND  
ROOM 1246

FRANK BRAY<sup>O</sup> GIBNEY. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED JULY TWENTY SIX NEXT.

RE NEW YORK TEL JULY TWENTY THREE LAST.

EMPLOYMENT SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED VERIFIED FROM  
APRIL SEVENTEEN SIXTY ONE TO NOVEMBER THIRTEEN SIXTY ONE AS  
EDITORIAL DIRECTOR AND ASSISTED PUBLISHER. VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED  
AND RETURNED TO NEW YORK CITY. SUIT PENDING IN CIVIL COURT,  
CITY OF NEW YORK, HUGH M. HEFNER PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.,  
VS. FRANK GIBNEY, INDEX NUMBER ONE ZERO FIVE FOUR NINE  
EIGHT - ONE NINE SIX FIVE, FOR SEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTY NINE  
DOLLARS. THIS MONEY REPORTEDLY LOANED TO GIBNEY DURING HIS  
EMPLOYMENT WITH SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED. THERE IS COUNTER  
CLAIM FOR TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BY GIBNEY FOR BREACH  
OF ONE YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.

NEW YORK VERIFY.

AUGUST SPECTORSKY, PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, UNAVAILABLE UNTIL  
MONDAY. REPORTEDLY KNEW GIBNEY WELL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED JULY TWENTY  
SIX NEXT AND OTHER INDICATED INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND BUREAU  
ADVISED EXPEDITIOUSLY WHEN COMPLETED.  
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FRANK BRAY GIBNEY SPECIAL INQUIRY BUDED SEVEN TWENTY SIX NEXT

RE BU AIRTEL TO NY AND CHICAGO DATED SEVEN NINETEEN LAST.

ENCLOSURE WITH RE AIRTEL INDICATES EMPLOYMENT IN SIXTY ONE WITH  
SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED, A PUBLICATION OF HUGH HEFFNER, PLAYBOY  
MAGAZINE.

NY IS ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THIS EMPLOYMENT THROUGH NYO OF PLAYBOY.

CHICAGO VERIFY THROUGH PLAYBOY MAGAZINE AND INTERVIEW

UNLESS SOME REASON EXISTS TO THE CONTRARY. ALSO INTERVIEW A. C.

SPECTORSKY, ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER, PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, TWO THREE TWO  
EAST OHIO STREET WHO SUPPOSEDLY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE RE  
SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (MAIL), CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND BOSTON  
FROM: NEW HAVEN (161-661)  
FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED JULY TWENTYSIX  
NEXT.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL JULY NINETEEN LAST.

RECORDS ALUMNI OFFICE, YALE, NEW HAVEN, INDICATE  
FOLLOWING RE GIBNEY: ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT  
MARRIED [REDACTED] TWO CHILDREN BORN, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] SECOND WIFE HARRIET COCHRAN SUYDAM MARRIED  
DECEMBER FOURTEEN FIFTYSEVEN. CHILDREN [REDACTED]  
BORN [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AS OF NINETEEN SIXTY INDICATED TO BE RADIO COMMENTATOR  
WITH STATION WMCA, NEW YORK. NINETEEN SIXTYONE, EDITORIAL  
DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT PUBLISHER SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED,

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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TWO THREE TWO EAST OHIO STREET, CHICAGO. NINETEEN SIXTY,  
PUBLISHER SHOW MAGAZINE, ONE FOUR ZERO EAST FIFTYSEVENTH  
STREET, NEW YORK CITY. ALSO INDICATED TO BE TRUSTEE OF  
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART.

CHICAGO VERIFY ASSOCIATION WITH SHOW BUSINESS ILLUSTRATED.

NEW YORK VERIFY RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN OF SECOND MARRIAGE,  
ASSOCIATION WITH STATION WMCA, ASSOCIATION WITH SHOW  
MAGAZINE AND AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ART.

BOSTON VERIFY RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FROM FIRST MARRIAGE.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

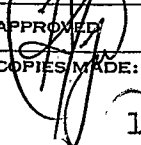
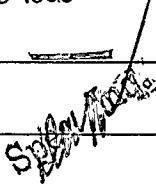


## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 7/23/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/22 & 23/65
TITLE OF CASE  FRANK BRAY GIBNEY		REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS J. CONNORS	TYPED BY lz
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SPI	

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel dated 7/19/65,  
Report of SA GEORGE S. WALLACE dated 5/1/58 at Boston,  
New Haven teletype to Boston dated 7/23/65.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of: FRANCIS J. CONNORS  
Date: 7/23 /65

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File #: 116-41640

Bureau File #:

Title: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Former wife states separation agreement executed 11/57 at New York City and divorce obtained in Juarez, Mexico, 12/57. She recommends appointee. Results of credit and arrest checks set out.

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DETAILS:

Credit and arrest checks at Boston, Massachusetts, were conducted at the request of IC [redacted]

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On July 22, 1965, [redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she resides with her and the appointee's two children. [redacted] who respectively attend [redacted] both Cambridge, Massachusetts. She stated that she is presently employed as [redacted] Boston, Massachusetts.

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She advised that she married the appointee at Palmyra, Missouri, in December, 1949, and separated by mutual agreement in the fall of 1956, while residing in New York City, because they could not get along together.

She stated that on November 1, 1957, by mutual agreement, she and the appointee effected a separation agreement, and the lawyer representing her was [redacted] of the law firm of Rachlin, Migdal, and Low, 11 West 42 Street, New York City.

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She stated that in the following month, December, 1957, the appointee obtained a divorce in Juarez, Mexico, after both parties agreed to this procedure. She added that she believes the lawyer in Mexico was contacted by Attorney [redacted]. She stated that the appointee went to Mexico to carry out the divorce, because it was more convenient and practical for him rather than her to do so. To the best of her recollection, the grounds for the divorce in Mexico were based on incompatibility.

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She advised that by the terms of the separation agreement, she received custody of their two children, [redacted] and [redacted]. She added that the appointee was permitted to visit the children one week a month and the children could stay with him one month each summer. He was also to provide support for the children until their majority.

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Alimony was provided for [redacted] in terms of which she declined to relate. She added that the appointee has made payments as ordered, sometimes slowly, but is not delinquent.

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She stated that the appointee and his second wife live with their three children, [redacted], [redacted] and the youngest, whose name she did not recall, in New York City; and her two children are presently visiting him there.

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[redacted] stated that she would re-iterate her comments concerning the appointee as furnished her previously in 1958. She added that she would recommend the appointee for a responsible position of trust and confidence in the Government and stated that her knowledge of his loyalty, associates, and character is favorable.

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CREDIT

On July 22, 1965, personnel, Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised their files contain no record in the name of [redacted] [redacted] former wife of appointee.

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ARREST

On July 22, 1965, [redacted] Records Bureau, Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department, advised their records contain no information concerning the appointee's former wife, [redacted]

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On July 22, 1965, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, stated that their records contain no information in the name of the appointee's former wife, [redacted]  
[redacted]

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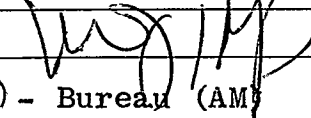

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FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character:

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Synopsis:

Appointee's employment with "Chicago Daily News", New York,  
as a columnist confirmed.

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DETAILS:

Employment

"Chicago Daily News"  
401 North Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] advised from records on July 22, 1965, that the appointee was hired by this newspaper as a columnist through their New York Office on November 1, 1964. He is still employed by this newspaper in the New York area.

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His birth is shown as September 21, 1924. Scranton, Pennsylvania, his address listed as 430 East 84th Street, New York, and his record reveals no unfavorable information.

[redacted] said she could not suggest anyone in the Chicago Office of this newspaper who might know the appointee.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE:

Search of directories in Hartford, Connecticut, failed to reflect existence of Hartford Publications Inc. as shown on biographical data sheet submitted with referenced Bureau airtel. This evidently located in New York City.

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Title: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Alumni Records, Yale University, background information concerning appointee set forth. Appointee's father JOSEPH GIBNEY deceased. Mother EDNA GIBNEY resides 16 Oakshade Avenue, Darien, Conn. Credit and arrest records for Darien, Conn., reflect no derogatory information.

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## DETAILS:

EDUCATION

On July 22, 1965, [REDACTED] Alumni Records Office, Yale University, 100 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut, made available the following background data regarding GIBNEY.

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He was born September 21, 1924, at Scranton, Pennsylvania. On December 16, 1948, he married [REDACTED] On December 14, 1957, he married HARRIET COCHRAN SUYDAM. No indication as to date and place of divorce from first wife or place of marriage for either. His children are listed as

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follows from first marriage: [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] born [redacted]  
Children from second marriage are [redacted] born [redacted]  
[redacted] born [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] born [redacted]

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Recent employments are listed as:

1960, staff writer, Life Magazine, New York; Radio Commentator Station, WMCA, New York City.

1961 Editorial Director, Assistant Publisher, Show Business Illustrated, 232 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

April 30, 1962, publisher Show Magazine, 140 East 57th Street, New York City.

He was also listed as Vice President Overseas Press Club and a trustee of the American Academy of Dramatic Art.

#### RELATIVES

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM C. BRADSHAW:

On July 22, 1965, [redacted] Darien, Connecticut, Police Department, advised his files were negative concerning the appointee and his parents JOSEPH J. and EDNA GIBNEY.

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On July 22, 1965, [redacted] Stamford, Connecticut, Credit Bureau, which includes Darien, Connecticut, advised their records reflect that JOSEPH and EDNA GIBNEY have been known to his agency since 1951. They reside at 16 Oakshade Avenue, Darien, Connecticut, and their credit rating is satisfactory. [redacted] pointed out that there has been a past history of slow payment concerning JOSEPH and EDNA GIBNEY.

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Current city directories for Darien, Connecticut, reflect that one EDNA GIBNEY, widow of JOSEPH GIBNEY resides at 16 Oakshade Avenue, Darien, Connecticut.

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On July 22, 1965, [ ] Postmaster, United States Post Office, Darien, Connecticut, advised that EDNA GIBNEY currently resides and receives mail at 16 Oakshade Avenue, Darien, Connecticut.

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On July 22, 1965, [ ] Postmaster, Ridgefield, Connecticut, United States Post Office, advised that he was acquainted with the appointee and the appointee's parents. [ ] stated that he considered the appointee to be a man of good character, associates and a loyal American citizen. He stated that JOSEPH GIBNEY, the appointee's father who worked in New York City for Longchamps Restaurants Inc., had died in New York City at work about four years ago.

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[ ] stated that he would recommend the appointee for any position of trust and confidence.

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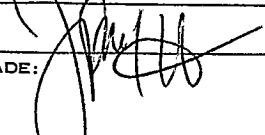

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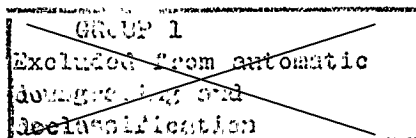
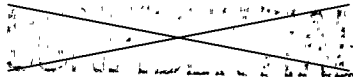
Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employments verified and set forth. All former employers and supervisors recommend except HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, New York City, who felt the appointee had not been loyal and honest with him while in his employ. Neighbors and associates recommend. Credit set forth. No arrest record for appointee or family in New York, New York.

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DETAILS:

Employment

Newsweek Magazine  
444 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

On July 22, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he could furnish no additional information concerning the appointee. He added that there have been numerous changes in the editorial staff where the appointee was employed and the only current employee who may know the appointee is NILES VON WETTBERG. He stated that Mr. VON WETTBERG is in Europe where he will remain for approximately another four months.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has been employed by this firm for 20 years and knows the appointee by sight but is not well enough acquainted with him to furnish specific comments concerning the appointee's character or loyalty. He added that he has never heard any reason to question the appointee.

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Time-Life Incorporated  
Time and Life Building  
New York, New York

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On July 23, 1965, [ ], Personnel Department, advised that the appointee was last employed from July 15, 1957 to April 22, 1961, when he voluntarily resigned. He was employed in the Text Department, was a staff writer and contributed to the editorial page. His record is clear.

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[ ] stated she was not personally acquainted with the appointee.

On July 22, 1965, MAX WAYS, Associate Managing Editor, Fortune Magazine, advised that he first met the appointee in 1946 or 1947. He was the editor of the Foreign News Section of "Time" when the appointee was a writer. The appointee went to Korea as a foreign correspondent and was injured at the Inchon Landing. The appointee then went to the Tokyo Bureau and WAYS edited his work. He stated the appointee left this organization to go to Newsweek Magazine where he was to be employed as more of an administrator than a writer. The appointee was promised a freehand in reorganizing a department but was not given the money or the authority to conduct the reorganization. The appointee did not get along with some of his supervisors because of a conflict of authority. Some individuals objected to the authority given to the appointee. WAYS stated that there was a change in the organization structure of Newsweek Magazine and the appointee returned to Time-Life, Incorporated.

He stated that the appointee has been a writer, contributing editor, associate editor, correspondent and editorial writer for this organization. The appointee left for a position as editor of Show Business Illustrated. He subsequently joined the Huntington Hartford organization in its publication "Show". The appointee then joined the

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Field Enterprises which position he currently holds.

WAYS stated that he has maintained contact with the appointee and considers the appointee to be of good character and reputation, possessing reputable associates and loyal to the United States. His basic political ideology follows that of one of the major political parties. He stated the appointee is stable, well adjusted, can do a vast amount of work, is an exceedingly able journalist and has more energy and intelligence than most individuals. He added that the appointee becomes restless if not given enough to do.

He stated that the appointee has published a number of books including "Five Gentlemen of Japan" which was a study of the Japanese society and attitude in the post war era. The appointee had obtained much of the material for this book when he was Chief of the Tokyo Bureau. The appointee speaks Japanese as well as French and German.

He stated the appointee has also written a book about Poland and a book entitled "The Operators". This latter book concerns embezzlers and swindlers, and describes how people of the United States "get taken for billions by promoters". WAYS stated that this book relies on unreliable statistics such as the amount lost each year and not reported.

He added that the appointee has written numerous articles and has written other books.

He stated that the appointee was previously married and the appointee obtained a civil divorce as well as a church annulment from his first wife. WAYS stated that the appointee's first wife at one time had a serious emotional problem and was in and out of institutions. She is now considerably improved and resides in or near Boston. He believes that the appointee



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had two children by his first wife. He stated these children visit the appointee but he cannot recall their names. He added that the appointee has two or three children by his present wife.

WAYS stated that the appointee's work has taken him to Eastern Europe and the appointee is acquainted with many refugees from Hungary and Poland. He added that there would be nothing detrimental to the appointee in these associations. He concluded by stating that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust.

On July 22, 1965, [redacted] to the Chief Editorial Writer of Life Magazine, advised that the appointee had his office adjacent to hers' and she occasionally did work for him. She and the appointee were also members of the same tennis club and she stated that she had played tennis with the appointee.

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d She stated that the appointee wrote many editorials for "Life" and is a very gifted and talented writer. He is very intelligent, polylingual, is an expert on Japan, is bright, witty, popular and well liked. He has never acted in any way to cause doubt concerning his character, reputation, associates or loyalty.

[redacted] She stated that he has two children, a boy, [redacted] and a girl, name not known, by his first wife. He also has children by his second wife.

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She stated that the appointee has written numerous articles and four or five books.

She concluded by saying she would recommend him for a position of trust.

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On July 22, 1965, JOHN K. JESSUP, Chief Editorial Writer of "Life", advised that he has known the appointee for approximately twenty years. He first met the appointee when the appointee was employed at "Time". He was the appointee's supervisor when the appointee assisted in writing the editorial page of "Life".

He stated tht the appointee was employed by Newsweek Magazine between employments by the above captioned firm, but the appointee "got fed up with Newsweek because of some management rangle". Newsweek was sold and reorganized and the appointee left that organization.

He stated that the appointee is a very religious, high type, talented, honest, extremely moral and reliable individual. He is of good character and reputation, possesses reputable associates and is loyal to the United States. His political and religious philosophy are closely linked and the appointee is very anti-Communist.

He stated that the appointee was previously married and his first marriage was annulled. He has two children, a boy and a girl, names not recalled, by his first wife. These children live with the first wife but visit the appointee. The only association of the appointee and his first wife is through these children. The appointee and his first wife are not very friendly. The first wife was in a sanitarium for a year or two because of a "nervous breakdown", but her condition is now satisfactory.

The appointee is very happy in his present marriage and has three boys, [redacted] approximately ten years of age, [redacted] six or seven years of age, and [redacted] approximately three years of age.

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Mr. JESSUP said that he believes that the appointee's parents are deceased. He is sure that the appointee's father is deceased but he is not positive of his information concerning the appointee's mother. He believes that the appointee was an only child.

He stated that the appointee has written numerous articles and four or five books. Among the books are the "Five Gentlemen of Japan", which was a result of the appointee's experience as head of the Time - Life Tokyo Bureau. He also wrote "The Frozen Revolution", which dealt with Poland. He wrote another book, name not recalled, but which had the name KHRUSHCHEV in the title. He wrote a book entitled "The Operators", which was originally based on a series of articles the appointee wrote for "Life". This book, which was a commercial success, dealt with white collar crime.

He stated that the appointee knows a great deal about Poland and Germany and has hopes that the Eastern European countries can be wooed from the Soviet Empire. The appointee is in favor of giving them latitude in that respect.

He stated that the appointee has written articles for the government before and worked with the House Space Committee. He also wrote a book, not signed, concerning a Russian defector, PETER DERIABIN, which was originally printed in two or three installments of "Life".

The appointee worked for President JOHNSON during the Presidential campaign and in 1964 wrote speeches for the White House.

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He stated that the appointee left Time - Life because of a better offer from "Show Business Illustrated". This lasted for over a year until the appointee became involved in a disagreement with the owner of that publication over publishing policy and promotional expense. One million dollars had been spent on promotion of "Show Business Illustrated" and the appointee desired to spend additional funds on that promotion.

JESSUP stated that the appointee then went with the HUNTINGTON HARTFORD publication Show Magazine, which bought out what was left of "Show Business Illustrated". The appointee stayed with this company for two or three years. The appointee then went with the field organization and is currently the New York correspondent for the "Chicago Daily News". This is not a very demanding position and allows time for the appointee to do free lance writing. The appointee has written byline articles for the "Chicago Daily News" and sends them ideas. The August 10, 1965 issued of "Look" will carry a byline article on Japan written by the appointee.

JESSUP concluded by saying that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust.

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Show Business Illustrated  
405 Park Avenue  
New York, New York

On July 23, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Playboy Magazine, advised SA [REDACTED] that the above captioned magazine is now out of business. [REDACTED] further stated that during the time the appointee was associated with the above captioned magazine, he was in Chicago, and only making occasional trips to New York, therefore, any associates of the appointee in connection with Show Business Illustrated would be in Chicago.

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[REDACTED] advised that he did not work very closely with the appointee at any time, therefore, does not know him well. He stated even further he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely regarding the appointee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty.

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Radio Station WMCA  
415 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

On July 23, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised SA THOMAS V. DUFFY that the appointee was employed by this radio station for approximately one year in 1960. She advised that she could not make available the specific dates the appointee was employed by this station as he was an independent contractor and not a staff employee, so that therefore, no records were retained concerning this employment. She said that as she recalls, he was a commentator and had a special show on once a week and she believed the name of this show was "Commentary". She said that she knew the appointee well when he was employed there. She knew nothing of an adverse nature concerning his character, associates or reputation. She said that the appointee was a very proficient individual with a great deal of imagination, whom she would highly recommend for any position of trust and confidence.

She said that inasmuch as he was an independent contractor, she would not know anyone who would be presently available who would recall the appointee.

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Show Magazine  
640 5th Avenue  
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [REDACTED]:

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On July 21, 1965, GILMAN KRAFT, Publisher, Show Magazine, advised that the appointee had been publisher of this magazine from 1961 until the spring of 1964 at which time the appointee left the magazine when HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, the owner, had sold the magazine. KRAFT explained that he took over the magazine in June, 1964 and that there is no one presently employed with the magazine who was associated with the appointee. He added he had a casual acquaintance with the appointee and he regards the appointee as a very intellectual and capable individual and recommended him for a position of trust and loyalty with the United States Government.

He added that the persons who had executive positions with the magazine at the time the appointee was publisher were HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, owner of Hartford Publishers; [REDACTED] who is presently with Mc Call's Magazine and HENRY WOLF, Art Director, Mc Cann Ericson, Incorporated.

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On July 22, 1965, HENRY WOLF, Art Director, Mc Cann Ericson, Incorporated, 485 Lexington Avenue, advised he had been Art Director for Show Magazine during the three year period in which the appointee had been publisher of the magazine. He said he has great respect for the appointee's intelligence, capabilities, common sense and he knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee. He stated he highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust, confidence and loyalty with the government.

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On July 22, 1965, [REDACTED] Mc Call's Magazine, 230 Park Avenue, advised he has known the appointee for approximately 3 to 3½ years and was closely associated with him during the period in which the appointee was publisher of Show Magazine. He stated the appointee was highly regarded by the Show Magazine Staff and that he was a very capable individual. He stated he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning the appointee and highly recommended him for a position involving trust, confidence and loyalty with the United States Government.

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On July 22, 1965, HUNTINGTON HARTFORD, 1 Beekman Place, advised he had been the original owner of Show Magazine during 1961 until the spring of 1964, at which time he said he sold the magazine. He said that when he first started the magazine he hired FRANK BRAY GIBNEY to publish and run the magazine for him. He said he had complete trust in GIBNEY and during the first two years of publication GIBNEY sent him various glowing reports concerning advertising contracts which had been secured with large companies and speculation concerning increased circulation projected for the following year or two. He said he found these reports to be false and mere speculation or "hope" on the part of GIBNEY and added that he, HARTFORD, was losing several million dollars a year publishing the magazine.

HARTFORD advised that GIBNEY took several trips around the world supposedly in the interest of the magazine and yet he knew that such expenses were hurting the already failing magazine. He said GIBNEY's character, reputation and moral conduct were above reproach, but he stated that he felt that GIBNEY had been dishonest and unloyal to him because he hid the true status of the magazine in glowing



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reports and he also felt that GIBNEY was furthering his own interest rather than those of the magazine when he took trips to Japan, a country in which he had a great interest.

HARTFORD concluded that based on the above he could not recommend the appointee for a position with the United States Government because he felt that the appointee might be unloyal to the government by furthering his own interests rather than those of the United States Government.

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Neighborhood

430 East 84th Street  
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [redacted] on July 21, 1965:

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LEWIS ISELIN, 432 East 84th Street, advised he has been acquainted with the appointee for approximately fifteen years. He stated he first met GIBNEY when he was the Managing Editor of Newsweek and became closely associated with him during the past five to seven years since GIBNEY moved to his current address. He stated GIBNEY is a very intellectual, competent and personable individual, who is well respected by everyone with whom he comes in contact. He stated his character and reputation were above reproach and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and loyalty with the United States Government.

[redacted] advised both she and her husband have been acquainted with the appointee since he and his family moved to there current address over five years ago. She stated he has impressed her as being a good family man, a person of excellent moral character and reputation and she has never heard nor known of anything derogatory concerning the appointee. She stated she would recommend him for a position of trust, confidence and loyalty with the United States Government.

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Mrs. ESTELLE STEWART, 426 East 84th Street, advised she has been in the neighborhood for over 45 years and that the appointee has been one of the most highly respected persons she has met during this period. She stated he and his family moved to their current address approximately six years ago. She

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stated that she is not closely associated with GIBNEY or his family and that she knows him only on a casual basis. She stated he has an excellent reputation among the neighbors and that he is highly respected by them. She stated she has never heard nor does she know anything of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee and she highly recommended him for a position of trust, confidence and loyalty with the United States Government.

[REDACTED]  
advised she has known the appointee and his family on a casual basis for approximately six years and during this period she has regarded him as an excellent neighbor and a person of good character and reputation. She stated she would highly recommend him for a position of trust, confidence and loyalty with the government.

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advised that she has been in the neighborhood for approximately eight years but she has no knowledge of the appointee or his family.

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Associates

On July 21, 1965, MERRILL MUELLER, News Commentator, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Radio and Television, New York, New York, and President of Overseas Press Club, New York, New York, was interviewed by telephone at the request of Mr. MUELLER.

Mr. MUELLER advised he has known the appointee for about 4 or 5 years. He stated he got to know him through the Overseas Press Club and has worked closely with him on a couple of committees in the Club. MUELLER further stated the appointee is a very cultured gentleman who always conducts himself in an excellent manner. He said he is highly regarded by other members of the Club.

MUELLER stated he has not had the occasion to socialize with the appointee other than at the Press Club, however, he has heard numerous comments regarding the appointee from other people, all of which have been very favorable. He stated the appointee is a person of excellent character and reputation and he has absolutely no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

MUELLER advised he is aware of the fact that the appointee has been quite successful as an author, however, he has not read any of the books and knows nothing about their contents. He stated even so, he feels that anything the appointee would write would be the result of much time and effort and as the result of great integrity.

MUELLER stated he knows of no derogatory information regarding the appointee or his family and stated he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

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On July 22, 1965, BARRETT MC GURN, Staff Writer, New York Herald Tribune, 230 West 41st Street, New York, New York, advised he has known the appointee for approximately 6 years. He stated he first got to know the appointee in Europe where they were fellow American correspondents and has since been associated with him through the Overseas Press Club where the appointee is highly regarded.

MC GURN stated the appointee is a person of extremely high morals who is of excellent character and reputation as well as a great American patriot. He stated the appointee has written a number of books, most of which he has not read, however, knowing the type of person the appointee is, he can say without hesitation that he would not write anything of a derogatory nature regarding his country.

MC GURN further stated that he has never heard any remarks regarding the appointee other than favorable. He stated the appointee is one of the finest people he has known, and he knows of no one he could more highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence.

On July 22, 1965, JOHN WILHELM, World News Director, Publications Division of Mc Graw-Hill, Incorporated, 330 West 42nd Street, New York, advised he has known the appointee both personally and professionally for about 5 years. He stated that they both have been officers in the Overseas Press Club where the appointee is most highly regarded. He stated the appointee is a person of extremely high morals who is of excellent character and reputation. WILHELM stated he has absolutely no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States.

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WILHELM stated he is aware of the fact the appointee has written several books. He stated he has not read them, however, he stated that although he has not read them, he feels sure there is nothing in these books that would reflect unfavorably either towards the appointee or his country.

WILHELM stated he has met the appointee's wife on several occasions. He stated she is also a very fine person who exhibits an outstanding personality and seems to be very interested in the welfare of her family.

WILHELM advised he has never heard any detrimental remarks directed towards the appointee or his family. He stated "there is no one that he knows who could better serve his country in a position of trust and confidence than the appointee".

On July 22, 1965, EDWIN L. WEISL, SR., Attorney, 120 Broadway, New York, New York, and National Democratic Committeeman of New York, advised he knows the appointee by name, however, he was not personally associated with him. WEISL stated he does not know what connection the appointee has had with either the Executive Committee, New York Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson or New York County Democratic Campaign.

WEISL stated that although he does not know the appointee personally, he knows of nothing that would reflect adversely on his character, reputation, associates or loyalty.

On July 23, 1965, EDWARD N. COSTIKYAN, Attorney, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, and Chairman

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New York County Democratic Campaign, advised he has known the appointee for many years, however, he has known him personally for approximately the past 5 years. COSTIKYAN stated he first met the appointee in connection with the Executive Committee, New York Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson and worked with him on this committee for quite some time.

COSTIKYAN stated he was very impressed with the appointee's integrity as well as his ability, therefore, he asked the appointee to ~~serve as~~ co-chairman with him on the New York County Citizens Committee for Johnson-Humphrey, which the appointee did. COSTIKYAN stated the appointee has done some excellent work in connection with the New York County Democratic Campaign and he is regarded highly and respected by other people who have worked with him.

COSTIKYAN advised the appointee is a person of excellent character, reputation and morals. He said he has absolutely no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States and he personally has the highest regard for him. COSTIKYAN stated he would most highly recommend the appointee for any position of trust and confidence.

On July 23, 1965, JUSTIN N. FELDMAN, Attorney, ~~BOLETTI~~, Freidin, Prashker, Feldman and Gartner, 777 Third Avenue, New York, New York, advised he first met the appointee in 1957, at which time he handled the appointee's divorce. He stated he has also served as the appointee's attorney on several occasions since that time and he has become a close personal friend of the appointee.

FELDMAN stated he has worked with the appointee on the Executive Committee, New York Citizens for Kennedy-Johnson, as well as New York County Democratic Campaign at a later time. He stated the appointee is a

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very hard-working person and always seems to take great interest in what he is doing. He said the appointee is a very intelligent person of utmost integrity.

FELDMAN stated he is familiar with most of the books written by the appointee and he can say without hesitation there is nothing in their contents of a derogatory nature. He stated the appointee is a person of excellent character, reputation and morals and he exhibits these traits in everything he does. FELDMAN advised he would highly recommend the appointee for any position involving trust and confidence.



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Organizations

Council on Foreign Relations  
58 East 68th Street  
New York, New York

On July 20, 1965, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised the appointee joined the Council on June, 1955. She stated he is currently a member and has always been in good standing with the Council. She stated she does not know him personally, however, she does know that he is highly regarded at the Council.

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DAVID MAC EACHRON, Director of Programs, advised he has known the appointee for approximately one year. He stated he has only met him on a few occasions and does not know him well, however, he is aware of the fact that the appointee is highly regarded in the Council.

MC EACHRON stated he knows nothing adverse regarding the appointee's character or reputation and has absolutely no reason to doubt the loyalty of the appointee to the United States.

Overseas Press Club  
54 West 40th Street  
New York, New York

On July 21, 1965, [REDACTED] to the President, advised the appointee has been associated with the Club since April, 1950, during which time he has held many positions. She stated some of these positions included the Chairman of various committees as well as Vice-President.

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She further stated that she has known the appointee for about 2 years. She stated he is a person of excellent character and reputation, and she knows of absolutely no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. She further stated that the officers and members of the Club have very high regard for the appointee.

Century Association  
7 West 43rd Street  
New York, New York

On July 21, 1965, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the appointee joined the Association in 1962 and is currently a member in good standing. He added that his records reflect the appointee listed his address as 430 East 84th Street, and stated that his records contain no derogatory information regarding the appointee.

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Yale Club of New York  
50 Vanderbilt Avenue  
New York, New York

On July 21, 1965, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the appointee joined the Club in March, 1957, and resigned on May 1, 1961. He stated the appointee then rejoined the Club on June 26, 1961 and is currently a member in good standing. He stated his files do not reflect any derogatory information regarding the appointee.

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Japan Society Incorporated  
112 East 64th Street  
New York, New York

The following investigation was conducted  
by SA [redacted] on July 22, 1965:

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Japan Society, Incorporated, 112 East 64th Street, advised he has known the appointee for approximately fifteen years and considers him to be a person of high moral character, excellent reputation and a very devoutly religious person who stands firm in his convictions. He said the appointee joined the Japan Society in 1953 and was a member until 1959. He said GIBNEY rejoined the organization in 1961 and is currently a member in good standing. He stated the appointee is a very capable, honest and sincere person and he highly recommended him for a position involving trust, confidence and loyalty with the United States Government.

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Credit

On July 21, 1965, [REDACTED]  
Credit Bureau of Greater New York, made available  
the following information regarding FRANK B. GIBNEY  
to IC [REDACTED];

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On October 22, 1962, the following suit  
was filed in regards to GIBNEY:

JOAN A. CRAWFORD versus FRANK B. GIBNEY,  
430 East 84th Street, for \$737.50 (judgment); Attorney  
[REDACTED] 530 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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On July 22, 1965, [REDACTED]  
530 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, advised that  
the above litigation was a misunderstanding *and over lease agreement*  
~~personality conflict~~ between GIBNEY and CRAWFORD. He  
stated the judgment was satisfied when a release was  
filed during February of 1963.

Arrest

On July 21, 1965, SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused  
the records of the New York City Police Department  
to be checked by [REDACTED]  
Bureau of Criminal Identification; [REDACTED]  
Information Unit; [REDACTED] Old Record  
Room (all of the above of the New York City Police  
Department); and [REDACTED] Fingerprint Bureau,  
Criminal Court of the City of New York. No record  
was located on appointee or members of his family.

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Miscellaneous

On July 22, 1965, the records of the "New York Times" Morgue, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, New York, were reviewed by SA HOWARD E. WESTPHAL and revealed no pertinent information.

On July 22, 1965, book reviews were located in the Book Review Digest on the following books all written by the appointee in the New York City Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street, New York, New York.

Five Gentlemen of Japan; Farrar, Straus (1953);  
an analysis of Japan's history and  
character.

"Gibney examines the post-war development of  
Japan in the light of past history and as  
reflected in the lives of five citizens  
of Japan". Library Journal

The Frozen Revolution; Farrar, Straus (1959);  
contemporary Poland.

"Gibney exposes the failure of Communism in  
this land of devout and patriotic people  
and explains the paradoxical truce established  
between the church and the party". New York Times

The Khrushchev Pattern; Duell, Sloan and Pearce (1961);  
the present posture of the world's  
Communist movements.

"Gibney surveys the successes and failures  
of the Communist movement around the world  
in the years of Khrushchev's 'peaceful  
coexistence line'"

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The Operators; Harper Brothers (1960); The  
climate of fraud in American  
business society.

"Gibney describes the many rackets and frauds  
perpetrated on a gullible public today". Library Journal

New York T-1 advised on November 5, 1957, that  
on that date, [redacted] contacted FRANK GIBNEY of "Life"  
magazine, New York City. New York T-1 advised [redacted] had  
agreed to contact GIBNEY on November 12, 1957, inasmuch  
as [redacted] wanted to see an article that GIBNEY had written  
concerning Poland.

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Through discreet inquiry on November 20, 1957,  
at "Life" magazine, 9 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City,  
it was determined that FRANK GIBNEY was a writer for the  
magazine and employed in the Editorial Department.

New York T-2 advised on September 9,  
1957, that [redacted]

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On July 21, 1965, [redacted]  
Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department,  
advised SA AUGUST J. MICEK that he could locate no record  
concerning the appointee or his family.

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On July 23, 1965, LOUIS ISELIN, 432 East 84th  
Street, New York, New York, advised SA [redacted]  
that GIBNEY's three sons [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] resided  
with the appointee and his wife at 430 East 84th Street.

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On July 23, 1965, WORTHINGTON MINER, President, American Academy of Dramatic Arts, 120 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, advised that the appointee has been a trustee since March, 1964. MINER stated he has known GIBNEY for a few years but not on a personal basis, however, he considers him to be a person of good character, reputation and associates, and he knows of no reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

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Character SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to the report of  
Special Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as  
above at New York, New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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## REFERENCE:


St. Louis report of SE [REDACTED] dated 5-5-58.  
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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: GIBNEY's character and efficiency ratings ranged from average to excellent, as shown in his Fitness Reports.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on July 21, 1965, of the U. S. Navy Officer Fitness Reports for FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, on file at the Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, Officer Serial Number 292 625, indicated that his character and efficiency ratings ranged from average to excellent.

Personnel at this facility advised that they were unable to locate the U. S. Naval Officer service record for GIBNEY, and further advised that these records should be on file at the Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

His military occupation was shown as interrogator.

The date and place of birth were shown as September 21, 1924, Scranton, Pennsylvania.


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Title: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: RICHARD E. CONLEY, Patagonia, Arizona, has known employee and family for many years. Has not seen employee for about 10 years but stated based on past acquaintance considers him to be of excellent character, reputation, and loyalty and recommends highly for any position of trust.

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## DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA W. L. DALRYMPLE, JR.:

AT PATAGONIA, ARIZONA

RICHARD E. CONLEY, Rocking Chair Ranch, P. O. Box 255, Patagonia, advised that he has known employee and his family since he worked with employee's father many years ago in Connecticut.

Mr. CONLEY said that the employee had an excellent record with the U. S. Navy during World War II and subsequently covered the Korean War as a reporter for "Time Magazine." Mr. CONLEY said that he has not seen the employee for about 10 years but based on his past acquaintance, considers him to be a person of excellent character, loyalty, and reputation and a person whom he would recommend without qualification for any position of trust with the government.

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FROM CHICAGO (161-1199)

FRANK GRAY GIBNEY, SPI.

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PLAYBOY MAGAZINE,

CHICAGO, ADVISED APPOINTEE EMPLOYED BY THIS COMPANY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. STATED DID NOT HAVE A VERY PLEASANT ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE AND APPOINTEE VOLUNTARILY RESIGNED AND RETURNED TO NEW YORK CITY.

ADVISED WOULD NOT RECOMMEND APPOINTEE BECAUSE APPOINTEE WAS PERSONALLY LOANED SEVENTYFIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS BY PLAYBOY MAGAZINE WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN REPAID ALTHOUGH EFFORTS BEING MADE TO COLLECT THIS MONEY THROUGH COURTS, NEW YORK CITY. ALSO APPOINTEE GIVES IMPRESSION AS BEING "ALL FOR HIMSELF" AND HAS NO LOYALTY TO HIS EMPLOYER.

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AUGUST SPECTORSKY, EDITOR, PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, CHICAGO, ADVISED APPOINTEE FORMER EDITORIAL DIRECTOR OF "SHOW BUSINESS" INCORPORATED, FOR SHORT TIME IN NINETEEN SIXTY ONE. ADVISED APPOINTEE IN HIS OPINION VERY SELF-CENTERED, INFLEXIBLE AND OPINIONATED. SPECTORSKY STATED WOULD NOT REHIRE APPOINTEE AND WOULD NOT HAVE APPOINTEE PERFORM ANY JOB FOR PLAYBOY.

[ ] AND SPECTORSKY BOTH STATED HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR MORAL CHARACTER.

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RECTEL TO THE BU AND NY DATED SEVEN TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE.

ON SEVEN TWENTYSEVEN SIXTYFIVE, [REDACTED],

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK MADE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING INFO  
REGARDING SUIT PENDING IN CIVIL COURT, HMH PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.,  
VS. FRANK GIBNEY.

ON JULY NINE SIXTYFOUR SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT SERVED AND FILED WHICH  
STATED THAT BETWEEN APRIL FOUR SIXTYONE AND ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER THIRTY  
SIXTYONE, PLAINTIFF LOANED AND ADVANCED TO THE DEFENDANT THE SUM OF  
EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTYFIVE CENTS, WHICH  
DEFENDANT AGREED TO REPAY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER ONE SIXTYONE. NO PART  
OF SAID SUM HAS BEEN PAID ALTHOUGH DUE AND DULY DEMANDED EXCEPT SUM OF  
ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND THIRTYSIX CENTS, LEAVING A  
BALANCE OF SEVEN THOUSAND SEVENTYNINE DOLLARS AND THIRTYNINE CENTS, DUE  
TO AND OWING PLAINTIFF BY DEFENDANT.

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ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN SIXTYFOUR, ANSWER, DEMAND FOR BILL OR PARTICULARS AND COUNTERCLAIM WERE FILED BY DEFENDANT. IN COUNTERCLAIM DEFENDANT DEMANDS TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NO PART OF WHICH HAS BEEN PAID, FORSBREACH OF ONE YEAR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BY PLAINTIFF.

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is not available for interview.

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Title: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment with "Show Business Illustrated", Chicago, verified. Two former acquaintances would not recommend. Neighborhood not confirmed. No credit or arrest record, Chicago, for appointee or his wife.

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DETAILS:

Employment

"Show Business Illustrated"  
232 East Ohio Street  
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted] Personnel Department, "Playboy" magazine, 232 East Ohio Street, advised SA [redacted] from records on July 23, 1965, that the appointee had worked for "Show Business Illustrated" during the period April 17, 1961, to November 13, 1961. He was Editorial Director and Assistant Publisher.

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She advised "Show Business Illustrated" was discontinued in 1962.

The appointee voluntarily resigned his position and returned to New York City. While residing in the Chicago area he lived at 237 East Delaware Street, Chicago.

[redacted] advised she was not personally acquainted with the appointee but has never heard anything of an unfavorable nature concerning him.

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[redacted] "Playboy" magazine, 232 East Ohio Street, Chicago, advised SA [redacted] on July 23, 1965, that "Show Business Illustrated" was formerly published by "Playboy" magazine and was discontinued in 1962.

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The appointee was employed by this company for several months in 1961, during which time he resided in Chicago.

[redacted] advised that he did not have a very pleasant association with the appointee due to differences of administrative decisions concerning the publishing of

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"Show Business Illustrated". He said after GIBNEY voluntarily resigned from this company he returned to New York City.'

[ ] stated he would not recommend GIBNEY for a position of trust because of the following:

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While in their employ, GIBNEY was personally loaned \$7,700 by "Playboy" magazine which had never been repaid although efforts are currently being made to collect this money through the courts in New York City.

GIBNEY made employment contracts without their knowledge.

GIBNEY left this organization with the impression that he was "all for GIBNEY" and had no loyalty to his employer.

[ ] stated that although he did not socialize with GIBNEY, that he felt that GIBNEY was rather self-centered and extremely inflexible.

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[ ] said he had no reason to question the appointee's loyalty to the United States Government.

Mr. AUGUST SPECTORSKY, Editor, "Playboy" magazine, 232 East Ohio Street, advised on July 26, 1965, that he formerly met the appointee in New York City prior to 1961. To the best of his memory, the appointee at that time was working for "Life" magazine and had recently written a book. He stated at that time the appointee impressed him and that he hired him to work for "Show Business Illustrated", a magazine published by "Playboy" magazine's publishing company.

Sometime in the early part of 1961, the appointee came to Chicago to work and was given the position of Editorial Director and Assistant Publisher. In this position he had complete autonomy and a great deal of latitude in the publishing of this magazine.

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The appointee desired to make this magazine an intellectual one, in that it was to stress the finer arts, such as opera, legitimate stage, and intellectual literature. SPECTORSKY stated it was his and [redacted] [redacted] the Hefner Publishing Company, which publishes "Playboy" magazine) opinion that "Show Business Illustrated" should contain information concerning all aspects of show business, night club life, circus events, etc.

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SPECTORSKY advised that the appointee maintained his attitude towards the publishing of this magazine and it was inevitable that either he would have to change his viewpoint or the magazine be completely changed. The result was that the appointee and [redacted] reached an agreement whereby the appointee voluntarily resigned his position with "Show Business Illustrated", and returned to New York City. He stated that as far as he is personally concerned he would not ask the appointee to do anything for him or this company as he personally considers the appointee to be very self-centered, egotistical and extremely rigid in his viewpoints and highly opinionated.

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SPECTORSKY advised that he has no reason to question the appointee's moral character or his loyalty to the United States Government.

Neighborhood

237 East Delaware Street  
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, advised on July 26, 1965, that he maintains no records concerning past inhabitants of this building. He said everyone in this apartment building owns their own apartment although it would be possible for an individual to temporarily room with an occupant.

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He said the name of the appointee does not sound familiar to him; however, if there had been any derogatory or unfavorable information concerning this person, he would surely have heard of it.

He said he could not suggest anyone in this apartment building who might be acquainted with the appointee.

Credit and Arrest

[redacted] Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., Chicago, advised IC [redacted] on July 26, 1965, credit files disclose no information regarding the appointee and his wife.

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A check of the arrest files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on July 27, 1965, by IC [redacted] revealed no information for the appointee or his wife.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BUREAU</b>	DATE <b>7/28/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/27/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>FRANK BRAY GIBNEY</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>mxm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPI</b>	

REFERENCES

7/23/65. NY report of SA  dated  
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Office: New York, New York

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Date:

7/28/65

Field Office File #:

161-1849

Bureau File #:

Title:

FRANK BRAY GIBNEY

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Suit pending in Civil Court of the City  
of New York, HMH Publishing Company, Incorporated,  
vs. FRANK GIBNEY, Index #105498-1964, verified.

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DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

On July 27, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] Civil Court of the City of New York,  
County of New York, 111 Centre Street, New York,  
New York, made available the following information  
regarding suit pending in Civil Court, HMH Publishing  
Company, Incorporated versus FRANK GIBNEY, Index  
Number 105498-1964:

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On July 9, 1964, summons and complaint  
served and filed which states that between April 4,  
1961, and on or about November 30, 1961, plaintiff  
loaned and advanced to defendant the sum of  
\$8,909.75, which defendant agreed to repay on or  
before December 1, 1961. No part of said sum has been  
paid, although due and duly demanded, except sum of  
\$1,830.36, leaving a balance of \$7,079.39, due and  
owing plaintiff by defendant.

On September 17, 1964, answer, demand for  
Bill of Particulars and Counterclaim were filed by  
defendant. In Counterclaim defendant demands  
\$25,000, no part of which has been paid, for breach  
of one year employment contract by plaintiff.

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TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-1995)

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-12445)

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ON JULY TWENTYSEVEN [REDACTED] RECORDS SECTION,  
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, ADVISED IC [REDACTED] THE  
SERVICE RECORD FOR APPOINTEE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE MILITARY  
RECORDS CENTER, ST. LOUIS, DATE NOT AVAILABLE, SINCE  
APPOINTEE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE ACTIVE NAVAL SERVICE. [REDACTED]  
ADVISED HE WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTING ARTHUR R. WILSON,  
CHIEF, REGISTRY FILE SECTION, MPRC REQUESTING A SPECIAL SEARCH  
BE CONDUCTED IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE APPOINTEE'S RECORD.

ST. LOUIS CONTACT WILSON TO ASCERTAIN THE RESULTS.

BUREAU ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-124445) (P)

FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
SPI

Rerep of SA [ ] dated 7/26/65,  
at Washington, D. C.

On 7/28/65, IC [ ] caused  
a search to be made of the files of the Office of Naval  
Intelligence and was advised the files contained no  
additional pertinent information concerning appointee.

On 7/29/65, IC [ ] reviewed the appointee's  
file at the Passport Office, Department of State, which  
listed his birth as 9/21/1924, at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On 2/15/57 the appointee had his passport #547858  
renewed for a one year trip to Poland, USSR, Germany,  
United Kingdom, Austria and others for the purpose of  
"news coverage."

On 4/30/62 he was issued passport #C293554 for a one  
week business trip to Japan and the United Kingdom. On 4/16/65  
he had his passport #C293554 renewed for a one month  
business trip to Japan, Korea, Viet Nam, France, Germany,  
Netherlands and Denmark. He listed the purpose of his  
trip as "journalism (Look and Chicago Daily News)."

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He indicated that he was last married on 12/14/57 to HARRIET COCHRAN SUYDAM, born 4/16/29 at Boston, Massachusetts, and that the marriage has not been terminated. He listed a previous marriage on 12/12/48 to [REDACTED] born [REDACTED] at Winnetka, Illinois and that the marriage was terminated by divorce in November, 1957. He listed his parents as JOSEPH JAMES GIBNEY, born 8/2/1898 at Scranton, Pennsylvania and EDNA MAY WETTER, born 5/12/1902, at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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U. S. Secret Service and [REDACTED] outstanding.

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REPORTING OFFICE ST. LOUIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 7-30-65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/29 - 30/65
TITLE OF CASE  FRANK BRAY <sup>0</sup> GIBNEY		REPORT MADE BY IC [REDACTED]	TYPED BY wma
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI	

## REFERENCE:

Report of SA [REDACTED] SLMO, 5-5-58.  
 Bureau airtel, 7-19-65.  
 St. Louis airtel to WFO, 7-22-65.  
 Report of IC [REDACTED] SLMO, 7-23-65.  
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Report of: IC [REDACTED] Office: ST. LOUIS  
Date: July 30, 1965  
Field Office File #: SL: 161-1995 Bureau File #:  
Title: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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## Character:

Synopsis: GIBNEY served in U. S. Navy, 6-16-43 to 7-11-46.  
Received honorable release from active duty.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on July 30, 1965, of the Naval Officer service records on file at the Military Personnel Records Center indicated FRANK BRAY GIBNEY, Serial Number 292 625, was appointed an Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve (USNR), June 16, 1943, and entered on active duty with the U. S. Navy, on the same date, at Boulder, Colorado. He was honorably released from active duty July 11, 1946, as a Lieutenant at New York, New York, and returned to the USNR to complete his military obligation.

He served in the USNR, inactive status, July 12, 1946 to September 1, 1955, and was honorably discharged.

His military occupations were shown as General Intelligence Officer, Japanese Language Officer, Flag Aide and Public Relations Officer and his civilian occupation was shown as General News Contributing Editor.

He had foreign service in the Pacific Theater and was awarded the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal with two Bronze Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

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The records indicated that GIBNEY was under instruction at the Naval Training School in the Japanese Language, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, from June 16, 1943 to March 16, 1944, and at the Advanced Naval Intelligence School, New York, New York, from March 28, 1944 to May 2, 1944. Following these schools he was assigned to the Joint Intelligence Center, Pacific Office Area, for duty as a Japanese interrogator and to the Commandant, Naval Activities in Japan, for duty as Flag Lieutenant and Liaison Officer.

The date and place of birth were shown as September 21, 1924, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

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Date: 8/2/65

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FROM: SAC, WFO (116-124445) (P)  
FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
SPI

ReWFOairtel 7/30/65.

On 7/30/65, IC [ ] reviewed the appointee's file at the U. S. Secret Service, Protective Research Section, which revealed he was issued temporary White House Pass Number CO3-15881T-1 on 9/16/64, which expired 11/16/64.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-1849)

SUBJECT: FRANK BRAY GIBNEY  
*SPECIAL INQUIRY*

Special inquiry on 8/12/65, [redacted] 530 5th Ave., NY, NY, advised that FRANK GIBNEY, tenant, signed a lease with JOAN A. CRAWFORD, Landlord, to run from 6/1/61, to 5/31/63, regarding an apartment located at 237 East Delaware Ave., Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated that GIBNEY then broke the lease, date unknown, however made a verbal agreement with GIBNEY that she would rent the apartment to someone else as soon as possible thereby saving GIBNEY money.

GIBNEY felt CRAWFORD did not satisfy this verbal agreement and CRAWFORD felt she did. As a result, a judgement was filed by CRAWFORD against GIBNEY for \$737.50 due to a disagreement over the terms of the verbal contract.

[redacted] stated the judgement was satisfied when a release was filed during February, 1963.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Moore

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 17, 1965, which furnished the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. Frank Bray-Gibney.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York, New York, disclose a judgment was filed against Mr. Gibney on October 22, 1962, in the amount of \$737.50 by Joan A. Crawford. This judgment was satisfied in February, 1963.

[Redacted] New York, New York, advised Mr. Gibney signed a lease with Joan A. Crawford for the rental of an apartment. He said Mr. Gibney broke the lease and Mrs. Crawford made a verbal agreement with Mr. Gibney whereby she would rent the apartment as soon as possible thereby saving Mr. Gibney money. He stated Mr. Gibney subsequently felt Mrs. Crawford did not satisfy the verbal agreement, and she felt that she had.

He stated as a result Mrs. Crawford filed a judgment against Mr. Gibney for \$737.50 because of their disagreement as to the terms of the verbal contract. He said this judgment was satisfied in February, 1963.

This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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